

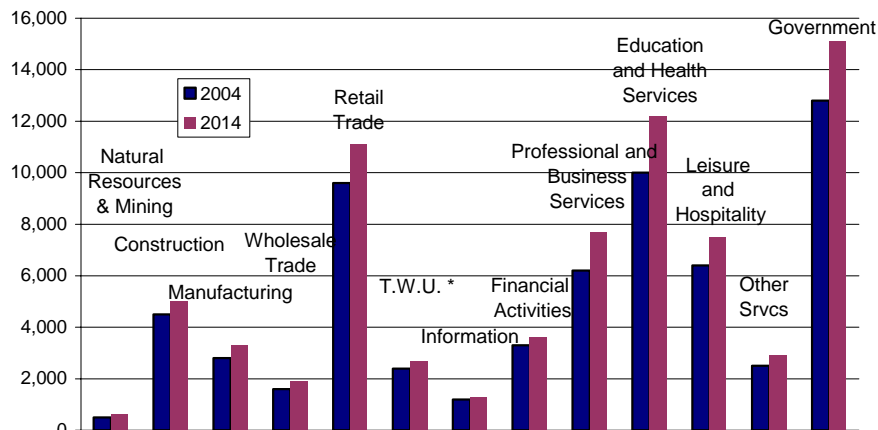
Shasta County Projection Highlights

Industry

Total employment in Shasta County is expected to grow just over 1.6 percent annually between 2004 and 2014 for a total over 81,000. Total nonfarm will grow faster at 1.7 percent. The nonfarm growth will add 11,100 new jobs and brings Shasta County nonfarm employment to almost 75,000 by 2014. Over 67 percent of nonfarm jobs are forecasted to occur in Government 20.7percent, Education and Health Services 19.8 percent, Retail Trade 13.5% percent and Professional and Business Services 13.5 percent.

Below is a graph of the 2004 and projected 2014 employment for major industries in Shasta County.

Below is a graph of the estimated 2004 and projected 2014 employment levels for the major industry sectors in the Shasta region.



*Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities

Professional and Business Services is the fastest growing major industry sector, growing at an annual rate of 2.4 percent. Other major industry sectors growing faster than the overall county average of 1.7 percent are: Educational and Health Services 2.2 percent, Natural Resources and Mining 2.0 percent and Government 1.8 percent.

Occupations

Occupational projections numbers include self-employment, unpaid family workers and farm employment for the period 2004 to 2014. The forecast projects:

- 11,400 new jobs from industry growth,
- Nearly 16,800 job openings from Net Replacements,
- A combined total of about 28,200 job openings.

The top 50 occupations with the most job openings will generate approximately 58 percent of all job openings in Shasta County during the 2004-2014 period. These occupations are expected to generate over 16,000 total job openings. Of these occupations 86 percent require only a year or less of experience; such entry level occupations as Cashiers, Combined Food Prep and Serving Workers, Retail Salespersons, and Waiters and Waitresses with minimal pay. Higher-skilled and higher paying occupations are those with an AA degrees or higher like Registered Nurses, Teachers, and Managers are also forecast to have just over 2,300 job openings.

The 50 fastest growing occupations are all expected to grow at an annual rate of 1.7 percent or more. Almost 80 percent of the fastest occupations require a years experience or less. Occupations in Education and Health fields make-up a 12.5 percent of the top fifty fastest growing occupations. These occupations are the highest paying but also have the higher education requirements.

